

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ZONING AND PLANNING

Voting Members:

Ikaika Anderson, Chair; Breene Harimoto, Vice-Chair;
Ann H. Kobayashi, Ron Menor, Kymberly Marcos Pine

Committee Meeting Held
January 24, 2013

Honorable Ernest Y. Martin
Chair, City Council
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Zoning and Planning, to which was referred Bill 74 (2012) entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 16 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF HONOLULU 1990, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE BUILDING CODE,"

which passed First Reading at the December 5, 2012 Council meeting, reports as follows:

The purpose of Bill 74 (2012) is to amend Chapter 16 ("Building Code") of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, as amended, with respect to stairway doors.

Your committee notes that by Ordinance 12-34, the City adopted the "International Building Code, 2006 Edition" (IBC) by reference, subject to certain enumerated local amendments. Bill 74 (2012) would delete part of the local amendment to IBC Section 403.12, thereby resulting in local application of the following language found in the IBC:

"403.12 Stairway door operation. Stairway doors other than the exit discharge doors shall be permitted to be locked from stairway side. Stairway doors that are locked from the stairway side shall be capable of being unlocked simultaneously without unlatching upon a signal from the fire command center."

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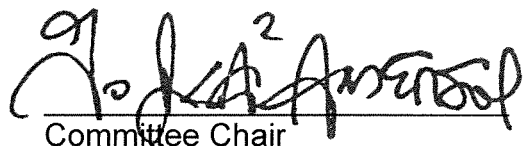
The acting Director of the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) informed your Committee that the Bill is supported by the DPP and the Honolulu Fire Department.

A Committee member questioned whether this Bill is necessary to address a unique situation. The acting Director of DPP informed your committee that at least one building in Honolulu is designed with stairway doors that provide direct access to residential units. This makes the units susceptible to unauthorized entry in the event of a power outage or triggering of the fire alarm system if they are automatically unlocked.

Your Committee heard public testimony in support of the Bill.

Your Committee on Zoning and Planning recommends that Bill 74 (2012) pass Second Reading, be scheduled for public hearing, and be referred back to Committee. (Ayes: Anderson, Harimoto, Kobayashi, Menor – 4; Noes: None; Excused: Pine - 1.)

Respectfully submitted,


Committee Chair

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